



128th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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An Act To Restrict Cash Access for Electronic Benefit Transfer Cards

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment " "

Committee: Health and Human Services

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Potential current biennium savings - Federal Block Grant Fund

	FY 2017-18	FY 2018-19	Projections FY 2019-20	Projections FY 2020-21
Appropriations/Allocations				
Federal Block Grant Fund	\$73,936	\$151,811	\$156,792	\$160,732
Revenue				
Federal Block Grant Fund	\$73,936	\$151,811	\$156,793	\$160,732

Fiscal Detail and Notes

The bill includes Federal Block Grant Fund allocations to the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) of \$73,936 in fiscal year 2017-18 and \$151,811 in fiscal year 2018-19 for 2 Eligibility Specialist positions to perform the audits of recipients of the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program.

The TANF program may realize savings from amounts deducted from recipients' benefits. DHHS may not be able to deduct the full amount of an improper transaction the following month from a recipient's benefits due to current TANF recoupment rules that allow DHHS to only deduct 10% of the maximum TANF benefit or 30% if the recipient is receiving less than the maximum. DHHS would need to develop a process that adheres to a client's right for due process.